JAN 3 0 2007

## **FAX COVER SHEET** PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THIS FACSIMILE DIRECTV Attention: MAIL STOP AF Fax: (571) 273-8300 Group Art Unit: 2616 Examiner: JUNG, Min UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Phone: (571) 272-3127 Pages: Cover + 2 + 2 + 1 = 6Date: January 30, 2007

The information contained in this facsimile is confidential and may also contain privileged attorney-client information or work product. The information is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed. If you are not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any use, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received the facsimile in error, please immediately notify us by telephone, and return the original message to us at the address below via the U.S. Postal Service. Thank you.

#### CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence identified below is being facsimile transmitted to (571) 273-8300 (Centralized Facsimile Number), addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on <u>January 30</u>, 2007.

Georgan Telephone No. (310) 964-4615 Printed

Georgand S. Grunebach, Reg. No. 33,179
(Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate)

January 30, 2007 (Date of Signature)

(310) 964-0941

(310) 964-4615

Attention: Commissioner for Patents

Georgann S. Grunebach

**Assistant General Counsel** 

Attorney Docket No. PD-200226

Please find attached Re:

From:

Serial No.: 10/038,174

Filing Date: January 3, 2002

Fax:

Phone:

- SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH FEE (2 pages in duplicate)
- ➤ SUBSTITUTE PTO FORM 1449 (1 page)

If you do not receive all pages, or pages are not clear, please call Karen Lum at (310) 964-0735.

The DirecTV Group, Inc., CA/LA1/A109, P. O. Box 956, El Segundo CA 90245

Ø1002/006

JAN 3 0 2007

Patent PD-200226 Customer No. 020991

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Leon J. Stanger et al. :

I hereby certify that this correspondence is

being facsimile transmitted to (571) 273-8300

(Centralized Facsimile Number) and

addressed to:

Serial No.: 1

10/038,174

Filed:

January 3, 2002

For: EXPLOITATION OF NULL

PACKETS IN PACKETIZED

DIGITAL TELEVISION SYSTEMS

Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for

Patents-P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA

223/3-1450, on the date below:

Georgann S. Grunebach

Typed or printed name of person signing certificate

Group Art Unit:

2616

Examiner:

JUNG, Min

Date: January 30, 2007

# SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d) WITH FEE AS SET FORTH IN §1.17(p)

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria. VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The references cited on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08A may be relevant or material to the examination of the above-identified patent application and are, therefore, submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

The references were cited in an Office Action dated January 11, 2007, in related U.S. patent application serial number 10/426,664 filed April 30, 2003.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the period specified under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), but filed on or before payment of the issue fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d).

01/31/2007 SFELEKE1 00000033 500383 10038174

01 FC:1806

180.00 DA

# **CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

Ø 003/006

# JAN 3 0 2007

### Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)

No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56 (c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement (certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(2)).

# PAYMENT OF FEE SET FORTH IN §1.17(p)

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California, in the amount of \$180.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to that account. This form is being submitted in duplicate.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has recently been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that this citation constitutes prior art.

Respectfully submitted.

éorgánn S. Grunebach, Reg. No. 33,179

The DIRECTV Group, Inc. CA/LA1/A109 P. O. Box 956 El Segundo, CA 90245

Telephone No. (310) 964-4615

January 30, 2007

Substitute for form PTO/SB/08A	Complete if Known		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Application Number	10/038,174	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Filing Date	January 3, 2002	
OTATEMENT BY ATTEMANT	First Named Inventor	Leon Stanger	
	Art Unit	2616	
	Examiner Name	JUNG, Min	
Date: January 30, 2007			
Sheet 1 of 1	Attorney Docket Number	PD-200226	

	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	
		Number-Kind Code		The second of th	or Relevant Figures Appear	
		US-2004/0199933	10-2004	Ficco, Michael		
		US-6,931,370	08-2005	McDowell, Samuel Keith		
				ļ		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Ť

Examiner	Date	
	<b>:</b>	.   .
Signature	Considere	d I
•		T }
		ľ

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.